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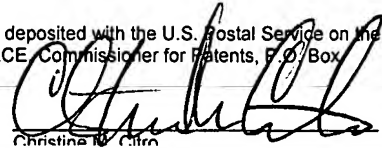
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1-39 and 41-47, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.